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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-10 and 12-65 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Kindly add new claims 66-173 as follows:

66. (New) A process for preparing an oil-in-water emulsion of blocked (poly)isocyanates, the process comprising:

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